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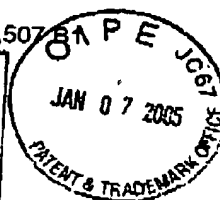
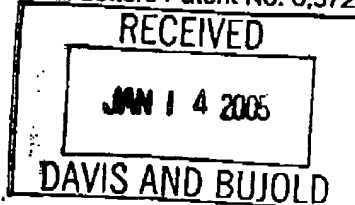
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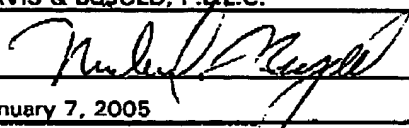
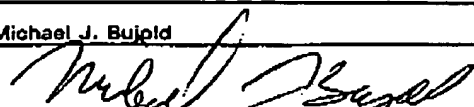
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following Response is submitted in reply to the Official Action of December 7, 2004.

REMARKS

The following Response is submitted in reply to the Official Action of December 7, 2004 following the telephone discussion between Gary Clapp and the Examiner on December 20, 2004 regarding the applicability of the cited prior art references in light of the claimed priority date of the present Reissue Application.

Claims 1-13 and 22-33 are presently pending in the Reissue Application and the Examiner stated in the Official Action that claims 8-13 are allowed, claims 2, 28, 29 and 32 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claims 1, 3-7, 22-27, 30, 31 and 33 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. 102, over either or both of EP '006 and Mrtyka '370. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised anticipatory rejections in view of the following remarks.

As discussed with the Examiner on December 20th, the Applicant believes that while the references cited in rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 22-27, 30, 31 and 33, that is, EP '006 and Mrtyka '370, are pertinent to the present invention, neither EP '006 nor Mrtyka '370 is a valid prior art reference, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as the effective dates of both references is well after the March 16, 2000 effective filing date and the March 22, 1999 priority date claimed from corresponding German Application No. DE 199 12 480. That is, the earliest effective date for Mrtyka '370 is believed to be only December 16, 2002 while the earliest effective date for EP '006 is believed to be only December 11, 2002, both of which are later than the March 16, 2000 effective filing date of the above identified application.